Announcement in Southern Regional Languages on Metropolitan Railway Stations

1757. SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to start announcement of south bound trains in Southern regional languages on Metropolitan Railway Stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in non-Hindi speaking states, announcements over Public Address System are made in the regional language(s) concerned besides in Hindi and English.

Rail fare on Hyderabad-Madras via Nadikudi route

1758. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the distance of Railway line between Hyderabad and Madras via Nadikudi is less than that of the other railway routes between Hyderabad and Madras;

(b) if so, whether the fare on both the routes is almost the same;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the fare of the train running on Hyderabad-Madras via Nadikudi route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. The chargeable distance between Hyderabad and Madras via both the routes is same.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Daily running of Pune-Ahmedabad Express train

1759. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of Rajasthani Samaj and Gujarati Samaj in Pune have urged the Government to run Pune-Ahmedabad Express train daily; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request was examined but not found feasible.

Bridge at Chhitauni

1760. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated construction cost of Chhitauni railway bridge in Deoria district of Uttar Pradesh and whether the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have paid their shares and if so, the amount thereof, separately;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The estimated construction cost of Chhitauni-Bagaha Rail-cum-Road Bridge is Rs. 160 crores out of which Rs. 36 crores are to be borne by Government of Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 27 crores by Bihar in a phased manner. Of this, Government of Uttar Pradesh has so far paid Rs. 6 crores and Bihar Rs. 2 crores till 1989-90. They have

not so far paid their shares for 1990-91 and 1991-92 amounting to Rs. 23 crores and 19 crores, respectively.

(b) Rs. 16 crores.

(c) In 1994-95 subject to the co-sharers contributing their shares in time.

[*English*]

Financial assistance for non-conventional energy sources

1761. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance for harnessing non-conventional Energy Sources, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot more funds to State like Andhra Pradesh which has large potential of non-conventional energy sources; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The State-wise outlays for 1991-92 for non-conventional energy programmes in the State sector as approved by the Planning Commission are as follows:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

State	*Outlays*
Andhra Pradesh	31
Arunachal Pradesh	50
Assam	38
Bihar	315
Goa	26
Gujarat	352
Haryana	70
Himachal Pradesh	100
Jammu & Kashmir	48
Karnataka	52
Kerala	80
Madhya Pradesh	400
Maharashtra	125
Manipur	33
Meghalaya	60
Mizoram	34
Nagaland	50
Orissa	100
Punjab	100
Rajasthan	360
Sikkim	50
Tamil Nadu	254
Tripura	67
Uttar Pradesh	320
West Bengal	60
Union Territories	
A & N Islands	150.00
Chandigarh	0.30
D & N Haveli	4.52
Delhi	155.00
Lakshdweep	190.00
Pondicherry	25.00
Daman & Diu	2.00

(b) and (c) The Plan allocations are finalised after detailed consultations with the States concerned, keeping in view their requirements as well as the resources available.

DESU Billing System

1762. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "DESU's chaotic billing system" appearing in the Indian Express dated February 8, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;